



EXPEDITED SPCC SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7, 901 N. 5th ST., KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY-REGION VII
REGIONAL HEARING CLERK

Facility Name: Slafter Oil Company

Location: 218 S. Beltline Hwy E., Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Owner/Operator: Ron Diffendaffer
(Respondent)

On August 1, 2002, an authorized representative of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted an inspection to determine compliance with the Oil Pollution Prevention (SPCC) regulations promulgated at 40 CFR Part 112 under Section 311(j) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1321(j)) (the Act), and found that Respondent had violated regulations implementing Section 311(j) of the Act by failing to comply with the regulations as noted on the attached Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Inspection Findings, Alleged Violations, and Proposed Penalty Form (Form), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

If Respondent does not sign and return this Expedited Settlement as presented within 30 days of the date of its receipt, the proposed Expedited Settlement is withdrawn without prejudice to EPA's ability to file any other enforcement action for the violations identified in the Form.

This proceeding and the Expedited Settlement are under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 311(b) (6) (B) (i) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b) (6) (B) (i), as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and 40 CFR §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b), published at 64 Fed. Reg. 40137 on July 23, 1999. The parties enter into this Expedited Settlement in order to settle the civil violations described in the Form for a penalty of **\$1350.00**. This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

EPA finds that Respondent is subject to the SPCC regulations, which are published at 40 CFR Part 112, and has violated the regulations as further described in the Form. Respondent admits that he/she is subject to 40 CFR Part 112 and that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as described in the Form. Respondent does not contest the Inspection Findings, and waives any objections it may have to EPA's jurisdiction. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty stated above. Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the violations have been corrected and Respondent has sent a certified check in the amount of **\$1350.00** payable to the "Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund," to: "Regional Hearing Clerk, Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 901 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101". Respondent has noted on the penalty payment check "CWA-07-2003-0122" and the docket number of this case.


DOCKET NO: CWA-07-2003-0122

This Expedited Settlement resolves Respondent's liability for Federal civil penalties for the violations of the SPCC regulations described in the Form. However, EPA does not waive any rights to take any enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by Respondent of the SPCC regulations or of any other federal statute or regulations. By its first signature, EPA ratifies the Inspection Findings and Alleged Violations set forth in the Form.

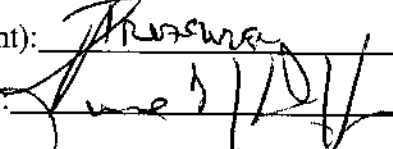
Upon signing and returning this Expedited Settlement to EPA, Respondent waives the opportunity for a hearing or appeal pursuant to Section 311 of the Act, and consents to EPA's approval of the Expedited Settlement without further notice.

This Expedited Settlement is binding on the parties signing below, and is effective upon the Regional Judicial Officer's signature.


APPROVED BY EPA:

 Date: 8/5/03
Chief, Emergency Planning & Response Branch, Superfund, Division

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name (print): RONALD DIFFENDAFFER
Title (print): President
Signature: 

IT IS SO ORDERED:


 Date: August 6, 2003
Robert L. Patrick
Regional Judicial Officer

INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE

Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Inspection Findings, Alleged Violations, and Proposed Penalty Form

(Note: Do not use this form if there is no secondary containment)

These Findings, Alleged Violations and Penalties are issued by EPA Region 7 under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 311(b)(6)(B)(i) of the Clean Water Act, as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990

Company Name <div>Slafter Oil Company</div>		Docket Number: CWA <div>7 - 2 0 0 3 - 0 1 2 2</div>	
Facility Name <div></div>		Date <div>August 1, 2002</div>	
Address <div>218 South Beltline Highway East</div>		Inspection Number <div>F Y - I N S P - 0 2 - 0</div>	
City: <div>Scottsbluff</div>		Inspector's Name: <div>Jeff Weatherford</div>	
State: <div>NE</div>	Zip Code: <div>69361</div>	EPA Approving Official: <div>Scott Hayes</div>	
Facility Contact: <div>Ron Difendaffer</div>		Enforcement Contacts: <div> Bob Webber Phone Number: (913)551-7251 Alan Hancock Phone Number: (913)551-7647 </div>	

Summary of Findings (Bulk Storage Facilities)

GENERAL TOPICS: 112.3(d), (e); 112.5(a), (b), (c); 112.7 (b), (c), (d)
(When the SPCC Plan review penalty exceeds \$1,000.00 enter only the maximum allowable of \$1,000.00.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan | \$1,000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plan not certified by a professional engineer | 300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No management approval of plan | 300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plan not available for review | 300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plan not maintained on site (applies if facility is manned at least eight (8) hours per day) | 100.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No evidence of three-year review of plan by owner/operator | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No plan amendment(s) if the facility has had a change in: design, construction, operation,
or maintenance which affects the facility's discharge potential | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment(s) not certified by a professional engineer | 100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate or no prediction of equipment failure which could result in discharges | 100.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan does not discuss appropriate containment/diversionary structures/equipment | 100.00 |

When drainage from diked areas is to a storm drain, open water course, or lake or pond:

- ☐ Bypass valve not normally sealed closed 300.00
- ☐ Runoff rain water not inspected and/or will cause a harmful discharge as defined in 40 CFR 110 300.00
- ☐ Bypass valve is not opened and resealed under responsible supervision 100.00
- ☐ Adequate records of drainage events are not maintained 50.00
- ☐ Underground tanks are not protected from corrosion or are not subjected to regular pressure testing. . 100.00
- ☐ Partially buried tanks do not have buried sections protected from corrosion. 100.00
- ☒ Aboveground tanks not subject to periodic integrity testing, such as visual, hydrostatic, and
nondestructive methods, etc. 300.00
- ☐ Outside of tank not frequently observed for signs of deterioration, leaks which might
cause a spill, or accumulation of oil inside diked area. 300.00
- ☐ Steam return /exhaust of internal heating coils which discharge into an open water course
not monitored, passed through a settling tank, skimmer, or other separation system. 100.00
- ☐ Records of inspections of aboveground tanks are not maintained 50.00

Tanks are not "fail-safe" engineered:

- ☐ No audible or visual high liquid level alarm, or 300.00
- ☐ No high-level pump cutoff devices set to stop flow at a predetermined tank content level, or 300.00
- ☐ No direct communications between tank gauger and pumping station, or 300.00
- ☐ No fast response system for determining liquid levels, such as computers, telepulse or
direct vision gauges. 300.00
- ☐ No testing of liquid level sensing devices to ensure proper operation 50.00
- ☐ Disposal facilities which discharge plant effluents directly to navigable waters are not monitored
frequently to detect oil spills 100.00
- ☐ Visible oil leaks resulting in accumulations of oil in diked areas are not promptly corrected 300.00
- ☐ Mobile or portable storage tanks are not positioned to prevent spilled oil from reaching
navigable water, or are in area subject to flooding. 100.00
- ☒ Secondary containment inadequate for mobile or portable storage tanks 500.00
- ☐ Plan has inadequate or no discussion of bulk storage tanks 50.00

FACILITY TRANSFER OPERATIONS, PUMPING, AND IN-PLANT PROCESSES, ONSHORE
(excluding Production Facilities) 112.7(e)(3)

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- ☐ Buried piping not corrosion protected with protective wrapping, coating, or cathodic protection. 100.00
 - ☐ Corrective action not taken on buried piping when corrosion damage found 300.00
 - ☐ Terminal connections at transfer points on not-in-service or standby pipelines are not
capped or blank-flanged and marked as to origin 50.00

IN THE MATTER OF Slafter Oil Company, Respondent
Docket No. CWA-07-2003-0122

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing Expedited SPCC Settlement Agreement was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy hand delivered to
Attorney for Complainant:

Kristina Kemp
Assistant Regional Counsel
Region VII
United States Environmental Protection Agency
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101


Copy by Certified Mail Return Receipt to:

Slafter Oil Company
218 South Belpline Highway East
Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361

Copy by First Class Mail to:

US. Coast Guard
Finance Center (OGR)
1430A Kristina Way
Chesapeake, VA 23326

Dated: 8/7/03


Kathy Robinson
Regional Hearing Clerk